

## Kentucky Solar Tour October 3rd, 2009

### *Statewide Program*

The National Solar Tour, sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society, is happening in thousands of communities across the United States, with six local tours here in Kentucky. The Kentucky Solar Tour is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Solar Partnership, Appalachia - Science in the Public Interest, the Kentucky Solar Energy Society, and local tour organizers. On Saturday, October 3rd, find a tour close to you and go visit some homes powered by the sun, using energy efficient and sustainable design practices.

#### **Berea Solar Tour** - [www.sustainableberea.org](http://www.sustainableberea.org)

**Dates & Times:** Saturday October 3rd, 2009, 10 am - 4 pm

**Community:** Berea, KY

**Presented by:** Sustainable Berea

**Description:** Open houses to view residential and institutional solar hot water and solar photovoltaic systems.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructions for taking this tour:** Self guided tour. Brochure and map will be available.

For more information, contact: Richard Olson, 859-985-1689 or

[richard.olson@sustainableberea.org](mailto:richard.olson@sustainableberea.org) or visit: [www.sustainableberea.org](http://www.sustainableberea.org)

#### **Bowling Green Solar Tour** - [www.wku.edu/bggreen](http://www.wku.edu/bggreen)

**Dates & Times:** Saturday, October 3rd, 9 am - 2 pm

**Community:** Bowling Green-Warren Co. Kentucky

**Presented by:** Allied Alternative Energy LLC in partnership w/ BG Green Partnership for a Sustainable Community, BG Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Service One Credit Union

**Description:** Biodiesel bus tour will take participants to renewable energy and green building installations in area; bicycle tour and self-guided tour options also.

**Tour sites will include** WKU ALIVE Center Center, Lovers Lane solar installations, Plano high performance elementary school, WKU real time energy meters/RE projects, WKU Farm biodiesel project, Lost River Cave, and Service One Credit Union LEED Building (first in BG!). Box lunch provided by Greener Groundz Cafe, w/ presentation on Richlandsville net zero emissions school (first in the U.S.!).

**Preregistration for bus tour w/ payment by Sept. 30 is required; 96 person limit.**

**Fees:** Bus tour, SOCU tour and lunch - \$6; SOCU tour and lunch only - \$5; these tours include free GREEN goody bags (No fee for bicycle and self-guided tours).

**Instructions for taking this tour:** Tickets may be picked up at any SOCU branch (see <http://www.socu.com/infobranch.htm>), the Convention and Visitors Bureau (352 Three Springs Rd), or register online after Sept. 1. Bus and bike tours will meet at 8:30 am at Lowes parking lot behind SOCU for bus tour. Pick up a map for the self-guided tour at ticket locations, or come to WKU ALIVE Center (1818 31-W Bypass) between 10 am and 12 pm to pick up a map and view solar installation and informational displays.

**For more information, contact:** Nancy Givens, 270-745-2842, [nancy.givens@wku.edu](mailto:nancy.givens@wku.edu) or visit: <http://www.wku.edu/bggreen>

### **Capital Area Solar Tour** - [www.frankfortclimateaction.net](http://www.frankfortclimateaction.net)

**Dates & Times:** October 3, 2009, 8:45am - 5:15pm

**Community:** Frankfort, Kentucky

**Presented by:** Frankfort Climate Action Network

**Description:** The Tour will visit five homes in the Frankfort area. Participants can come for the full day or just the morning or afternoon tours. Our mid-day program during lunch will include a presentation by Chris Curry from Earthwell Energy Management.

**Fee:** \$10 general/ \$5 students

**Instructions for taking this tour:** The Capital Area Solar Tour is a guided bus tour that begins in the parking lot of Paul Sawyer Public Library at 319 Wapping Street in Frankfort. Registration is 8:45 - 9:00 am and Tour buses will leave at 9:05 am. Buses will return to the library for the lunch program around noon. Buses will leave for the afternoon Tour at 1:45pm. People can attend either the morning or afternoon Tours, or come for the whole day.

**To register,** please contact Angela.Mitchell@fewpb.net or 502-352-4740.

**For more information, contact:** Connie Lemley, 502-223-7936, [connielemley@yahoo.com](mailto:connielemley@yahoo.com) or visit: [www.frankfortclimateaction.net](http://www.frankfortclimateaction.net)

### **Lexington Fayette Solar Tour**

**Dates & Times:** Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

**Community:** Lexington Fayette County

**Presented by:** KY Solar Energy Society and Kentucky Solar Partnership

**Description:** Bus tour to begin at 9:00 am traveling to six interesting solar installations showcasing both solar thermal and solar PV. Literature and QA available while on the bus. Contact Ron Hoffman at 859-351-5327 if unable to do the bus tour for possible scheduling options. **Fee: \$ 5.00**

**Instructions for taking this tour:** Tour bus will depart from Solar Energy Solutions Parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Call or e-mail to reserve seat on bus.

**For more information, contact:** Ron hoffman, 859-351-5327, [snky@insightbb.com](mailto:snky@insightbb.com)

### **Louisville Solar Tour** - [www.louisvillesolartour.org](http://www.louisvillesolartour.org)

**Dates & Times:** Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 - 10:00am - 05:00pm

**Community:** Louisville, Kentucky

**Presented by:** ASES, KySES

**Description:** **10:00 am - 12:00 pm:** The Green Building, 732 East Market, Louisville, KY 40202 Speakers, Education and Exhibitors. **1:00 pm - 5:00 pm:** Self Guided Solar Home and Business Tours

**Fee:** Free

**Instructions for taking this tour:** Pick up your *Louisville Solar Tour 2009 Guide* on October 3rd at The Green Building (732 East Market Street) from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. Visit homes from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

**For more information, contact:** Denis Oudard, (502) 429-8032, [louisvillesolartour@gmail.com](mailto:louisvillesolartour@gmail.com)

or visit: [www.louisvillesolartour.org](http://www.louisvillesolartour.org)

## **Southern Kenton County, The Robbins House - [www.johnfrobbins.com](http://www.johnfrobbins.com)**

**Dates & Times:** Saturday, October 3, 10am to 2pm

**Community:** Northern Kentucky

**Presented by:** Kentucky Solar Partnership

**Description:** The Southern Kenton County Tour is an open house at a single home. This is an older home retrofitted with lots of energy efficiency (EE), a passive solar addition including thermal storage, solar water heating and a small solar electric system with batteries to power all plug loads in an off-grid office. Total 2008 conventional energy cost for this home was \$841 for coal-fired electricity and firewood.

**Fee:** Free

**Instructions for taking this tour:** Please park on or alongside driveway, or in grass along side of Moffett Road. Moffett is a 45 mph rural road in an agricultural neighborhood. Lots of bends and hidden driveways, so drive and park carefully.

**For more information, contact:** John F Robbins, 859-363-0376,  
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### **To learn more**

National Solar Tour: [www.NationalSolarTour.org](http://www.NationalSolarTour.org)

Kentucky Solar Partnership: [www.kysolar.org](http://www.kysolar.org)

Kentucky Solar Energy Society: [www.KySES.org](http://www.KySES.org)

American Solar Energy Society: [www.ASES.org](http://www.ASES.org)